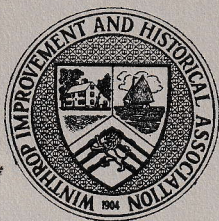


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CHAPTER I.

Name, Objects and Seal.

Article I. This Association shall be called
**THE WINTHROP IMPROVEMENT AND
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.**

Article II. Its Objects shall be:

1. To ornament and improve the streets and public grounds of Winthrop, Mass., by planting and cultivating trees and shrubs.

2. To promote a lively interest among citizens and officials of the town in making Winthrop attractive and in keeping both public and private property free from rubbish and unsightly objects.

3. To do such other acts as shall tend to improve and beautify the town.

4. To promote civic interest.

5. To hold and maintain the Deane Winthrop Homestead.

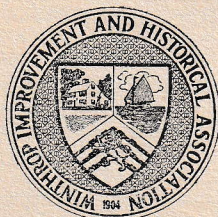
6. To hold, maintain and administer, for the purposes of the Association, any other real estate which may hereafter be acquired by gift, purchase or bequest, or to sell such real estate.

7. To hold and administer for the purposes of the Association any personal property or any funds which may hereafter be created or otherwise acquired for the promotion of the objects of the Association.

8. To gather and preserve in appropriate places any publications, photographs, manuscripts, or objects of historical interest, pertaining to the territory now included in the town of Winthrop, which may be deemed worthy of preservation as illustrative of the history and customs of the locality.

9. To use all the income of the Association, which is not restricted to specific purposes (after defraying expenses of administration), for town betterment, or for improving and preserving the property of the Association, or for such educational, historical, or memorial purposes as may be deemed advisable by the Association for beautifying Winthrop, developing civic interest in the community, and preserving the history of the town.

Article III. The device herewith printed shall be the seal of the Corporation, namely:



CHAPTER 2.

Members and Dues.

Article I. The Association shall be composed of Annual, Life and Honorary members who shall be chosen (viva voce) by the Association at a regular monthly meeting upon recommendation by the Directors; and Junior members who shall be chosen (viva voce) by the Association at a regular monthly meeting upon the recommendation of the Junior Membership Committee.

Article II. Annual Members shall pay one dollar annually, payable on the second Tuesday in March, in advance. Any member who shall have in any year planted and protected a tree under the direction of the Town Betterment Committee may have that year's dues remitted by the Directors. Any Annual Member may become a Life Member by the payment of ten dollars in one year into the treasury of the Association. Honorary Members shall be chosen in recognition of distinguished services in promoting the objects of

the Association; shall be limited to ten in number, and shall not pay dues. Any person under twenty-one years of age, who plants and cultivates a flower or vegetable garden in Winthrop and who keeps the premises about said garden neat and attractive, or who plants and cares for a tree in Winthrop, may be elected a Junior Member upon the recommendation of the Junior Membership Committee, and receive a certificate of such membership annually as long as such services continue to be performed. Junior Members shall not pay dues nor have a vote until they reach the age of twenty-one years, when they may by the payment of annual dues become Annual Members without further election.

Article III. Any member may be expelled for cause by a two-thirds vote at a regular monthly meeting of the Association, provided that such member shall have been notified by the Secretary at least one week prior to said meeting of the proposed action.

Article IV. Any annual member who neglects to pay the Annual Dues for one full year shall cease to be a member of the Association, but may be re-instated upon payment of the dues for one year in arrears and for one year in advance at the time of re-instatement.

CHAPTER 3.

Article I. Officers.

The Officers of the Association shall consist of six executive officers, a President, a Vice-President, a Clerk, a Secretary, a Curator, and a Treasurer, who shall be chosen at the annual meeting to hold office for one year or until their successors are elected, and a board of fifteen directors, of whom the executive officers shall be members ex-officio and of whom nine others shall be chosen at the annual meeting in March, 1914, three for one year, three for two years and three for three years and thereafter three shall be chosen annually for three years to hold office until their successors are elected.

Article II. The President shall preside at

all meetings of the Directors and the Association. In his absence the Vice-President shall preside in his stead. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President a President pro tempore shall be chosen.

Article III. The Clerk shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Directors and of the Association in suitable books provided by the Directors. In the absence of the Clerk the Secretary shall perform the duties of that office.

Article IV. The Secretary shall keep a correct list of the members of the Association; shall send all required notices of meetings of the Directors and of the Association; shall notify all persons of their election to the Association; shall notify all officers of their election and all committees of their appointment; and shall attend to all correspondence not otherwise provided for. In the absence of the Secretary the Clerk shall perform the duties of the office.

Article V. The Curator shall gather and deposit in such places as may be designated by the Directors, publications, photographs, manuscripts and objects of historical interest to the Association and shall have the care of the same.

Article VI. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Association, and shall pay all bills authorized by the Directors which are duly approved by the officer or chairman of the Committee authorized to incur the indebtedness. He shall issue cards or certificates of membership to all Annual Members upon payment of dues and to all Life Members. He shall give such surety bond as the Directors may require. He shall keep complete records of all receipts and expenditures of the Association, and said records shall show separate accounts of funds for use of—"Deane Winthrop Homestead Maintenance," "Town Improvement Purposes," or any other fund that may hereafter be established.

Article VII. A quorum of the Directors shall be ten for lease or sale of real estate and five for other business. They shall au-

thorize all expenditures of money; provide all blanks and record books; and recommend to the Association for membership such persons as they may deem advisable. They shall have the care and management of all real estate, invested funds or other personal property owned or controlled by the Association, and shall have the power to lease, for a term not exceeding five years, any real estate owned by the Association, except the Deane Winthrop Homestead. They may upon a two-thirds vote of the full board recommend to the Association the sale of any real estate which they may deem wise to dispose of, provided that notice of such proposed action be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the board at least one week prior to the meeting at which such action is proposed. They shall appoint within two weeks after the annual meeting eight standing committees of from three to seven members each to hold office for one year (including on each committee at least one member of the Directors who shall be either Chairman or Secretary of the Committee). These Committees shall be known as

- 1 Membership Committee.
- 2 Town Betterment Committee.
- 3 Finance Committee.
- 4 Deane Winthrop Committee.
- 5 Public Meetings Committee.
- 6 Civic Interest Committee.
- 7 Junior Membership Committee and
- 8 Publicity Committee.

The Directors shall make a monthly report and an annual report to the Association.

The Directors shall meet within one week prior to each Regular Meeting of the Association, and at such other times as the President and Secretary may direct.

CHAPTER 4.

Meetings and Quorums.

Article I. The Regular meetings of the Association shall be held at the Deane Winthrop Homestead on the first Tuesday of each month, excepting March, July and August, at

eight o'clock P. M. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the first Tuesday in March at eight o'clock P. M. Notice of said Annual Meeting shall be mailed, or otherwise delivered, to all members of the Association not less than five days before the meeting. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, except a meeting at which action is to be taken on the sale or lease of real estate, when a quorum shall be thirty members.

Article II. Any meeting at which it is proposed to act on the sale or lease of any real estate of the Association shall be called for the specific purpose by vote of the Association, and a notice of the proposed action shall be mailed by the Secretary to each member of the Association not less than fifteen days before the date of the meeting.

CHAPTER 5.

Committees.

Article I. The Association or the Directors may choose any special committee to accomplish a specific purpose at any regular meeting of the Association or of the Directors. No committee shall incur any indebtedness without the authorization of the Directors.

All Committees shall develop plans for the interest of the Association in their various departments and submit the same to the Board of Directors for approval.

Every Committee consisting of three or more members shall contain at least one man and at least one woman as members.

Article II.

1. The Membership Committee shall endeavor to increase the number of members of the Association by securing new members and by assisting the Treasurer in retaining the interest of those whose membership seems likely to cease through non-payment of dues.

2. The Town Betterment Committee shall have charge of the Association's interest in town improvements, the appointment and ob-

servation of a clean-up day or days annually, the planting of shade and ornamental trees and shrubs and the Association's interest in the development and maintenance of parks and playgrounds.

3. The Finance Committee shall endeavor to increase the income and funds of the Association by all proper means and shall endeavor to increase the number of Life Members. This Committee may publish for sale or free distribution an annual calendar by which the objects of the Association and the dates of its meetings may be kept before the public.

4. The Deane Winthrop Committee shall have charge of all suppers of the Association at the Deane Winthrop House or on its lawn; they shall also co-operate with the Public Meetings Committee in managing any lawn parties, fairs or sales of the Association. They shall have charge of the finances of such suppers, lawn parties, fairs or sales and shall turn over to the Treasurer the net proceeds of the same and may make to the Directors recommendations for the use of the same.

5. The Public Meetings Committee shall co-operate with the President in securing speakers and other entertainment for the monthly meetings of the Association and such other public meetings as may be held in consonance with the objects of the Association and shall have charge of all such public meetings and all entertainments held outside of the Deane Winthrop Homestead (other than suppers, lawn parties, fairs or sales, in the management of which they shall co-operate with the Deane Winthrop Committee). They shall have charge of the finances of such Public Meetings and Entertainments and shall turn over to the Treasurer the net proceeds of the same and may make to the Directors recommendations for the use of the same.

6. The Civic Interest Committee shall endeavor (without being partisan) to create and

maintain in the community the largest possible degree of interest in public affairs.

7. The Junior Membership Committee shall endeavor to interest the children and youth of the town in the objects of the Association and secure their co-operation in beautifying Winthrop, especially through the planting and care of gardens and the removal of rubbish. They shall have charge of the Annual Arbor Day exercises of the Association. This Committee shall appoint a period for the establishment of gardens and a time for judging the work of Junior Members and may award prizes.

8. The Publicity Committee shall endeavor to promote the objects of the Association by informing the public through the press of what the Association has done, is doing or is about to do.

Article III. At the regular monthly meeting next preceding the Annual Meeting of the Association a committee of five, to be known as the "Nominating Committee," shall be elected by the meeting from nominations from the floor to report at such Annual Meeting a list of executive officers proposed for the coming year and three Directors for three years. Except that at the Annual Meeting for 1914 they shall report three Directors for one year, three for two years and three for three years.

CHAPTER 6.

Amendments.

Article I. These By-Laws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any meeting of the Association; but no amendment shall be acted upon unless written notice of such proposed amendment, briefly describing the nature thereof, shall have been given at the preceding monthly meeting, and included in a notice of said meeting which shall be sent to each member.

